Washing 9/6.

1914

Thursday 4.30 p.m.
May 21st. Left T.D. in
Revenue Sinclairs cutter the
Lilla a small boat of about
1½ tons. It was pretty well
loaded 3 months provisions
camp outfit & 4 men
Range moderate & sea
smooth. Anchored near
Crab is 25 miles from
T.D. at 11 p.m. Had a
bit of supper Dinner
meat bread & stale
tea, All say that
a fine day. Weekend. Were here

because were here. No lamps had to find things with the aid of a friendly match made up some sort of a bed & turned in A fine meteor flashed across the sky as I was turning in. Could see the reflection of Brody's flare light at 1 minute intervals The heat is shaking badly & has to be baled out every hour.

Friday May 22nd.

Woke with the first flush of dawn could hear a Nixox calling but could not place it probably N peninsularis, a little later D Cacchinnated then Zenaida humeralis & others added their voices. I wanted to get ashore & have breakfast but Andy said it was low-water & that she would be aground the channel.

a little further on
Heaved up the anchor
& started Andy tried
to go through the
passage between Crab
is & the mainland &
got the boat fast on
a bank. A couple of Pelicans
& Curlews several Reef
Herons & some large flocks
of Sterna beginning on
the bank. The tide was
falling & we could not
get the boat off. we all

& I went ashore in the Dinghy to cook some breakfast A couple of Wallabies were on the beach at the edge of the water. They sat up & watched us till we were within a few yards then left hurriedly. A fine flock of Black duck flew past evidently making for the Paraine swamps. A Kingfisher & Bittern flew across the river close in shore there must have

Men 30 or 40 of them
All proceeded to get
breakfast, many turning
onions & corned beef
bread & tea. We ran in
the shade of a small
shrub & proceeded to
do justice to it. A
Brown bird, called chow
by us flew into the bush
under which we were sitting
had a good look at us
uttering a hissing note all
the time & then flew off

Turnstones Grey plovers Grauculus
melanops + hypoleucus Egrets
Herons Kingfishers Drongos
Fig birds Friar birds
Yellow honeyeaters White
bellied sea eagles Swallows
Magpie larks Crows
Whistling eagles were
fairly numerous a number
of which had called
were heard. We returned
to the boat but did
not get the boat off
the sand until 2.30 pm

The wind had changed
to the south west making
it a close head down
About 4.30 pm a heavy
rain squall struck us
the jib sheet carried
away in the middle of
it but we soon fixed
it up again. The rain
continued for about an
hour & it was pretty
cold. Reach a fine anchor
in No 2. river. At sunset
Thousands of Curlew

& Pelicans were circling
round the sand banks
a.- the mouth of the
river. A large flock of
terns & Noddys several
small flocks of migratory
waders a few Pelicans &
Gulls also seen. A large
flock of Snow necked
Ibis were circling round
high over head. Reached
a little before dark &
were ashore for supper
& to sleep. Several

birds heard calling
through the night
mostly migratory species
thousands of fish
jumping all night
Mosquitoes & sand flys
rather trouble some.
slept under the shelter
of a Casuarina & was
over hulled to sleep by
the surging of the wind
through the branches.

Saturday May 23rd.

Made an early start in the wind was very light & from the West making it a dead lee down the coast. Struck another rain squall about 4 pm ~~off~~ & got wet through again. After it was finished the wind changed to the N.E & ~~was~~ made better progress. Anchored in the night in No 3 river

about 15 miles from our last camp. We retire to cook supper & sleep in the shade of the Tamarinds again. A large flock of night Herons were circling round uttering their harsh call throughout the night. Hundreds of big-bill gunning & splashing all night.

Sunday May 24th.

Andy came ashore this morning & said that the leak in the boat was taking up. God knows how far away. Fortunately & thro' Divine mercy proved groundless. Reckoned we were now 1° S. Batavia lying abeam. 90 miles from T.D. nothing of interest on the voyage. Tormented by these mosquitoes terrible some.

Monday. May 25th

Make an early start. Breeze light but favourable. When passing the mouth of the Black river the breeze died away. We drifted for about an hour then a light breeze sprang up from the westward & we proceeded on our way again. Anchored this night at sunset & went ashore for tea

Went back to the boat after tea intending to sleep on board but the boat was rolling too much so we went back on shore again Malarial mosquitoes pretty numerous.

Thursday May 26th

At daybreak
saw light & E
sailing close in shore
2 natives put off in
a skin back canoe &
intercepted us, they
were paid up for
tobacco & brought
some native yams for
exchange. gave them a
few sticks of tobacco
Savage changed his

We tried again just
as we were passing
Billin point. Decided to
stay & cross the bay
Anchored on the other
side about 9 30 pm
Heavy swell coming in
boat rolling badly
did not get much sleep

Wednesday May 27th

Away at daybreak Light
& Cargo Anchor
about 11 am as Andy
did not know of any
anchorage further on
so about 4 hours sailed
After lunch I went on
a mile inland in an
canoe 2 miles through
mangrove trees country
very few birds to
be seen

White bellied sea eagle, Osprey, Crow, Graucalus mentalis, Coracina melanops Pachycephala pectoralis, Micraca flaviventris Poecilodryas superciliosa Miagra concinna Rhipidura tricolor isura, Colimacterus melanops Zigmatops ocularis, Pitidis flava Friar bird, Melithreptes albigularis, Meliornis dorsalis Ar ramus venustus melanops, Meliphaga virescens, Conicah, Bronze cuckoo, Pardalotus hard

Thursday May 28th
Fine, away at sunrise
light E to wind, many
squalls coming in from
S.W. & W.; did not make
much headway. Wind
changed to S.W. after
lunch & we got along
a little faster. Another
vessel in sight
running out from mainland
All E.P. went ashore
to make some tea
& cook some dampers

, Gang surf on the beach
landed safely, cook, tea
& start. to return
negotiated all the breakers
except the last; this
one broke right over
the dinghy half filling
it with water, spoilt
the tea & soaked the
dampers. Slipped on board
again & arrived right
home, rolling badly.

Friday May 29-th.
Set away at daybreak
Moderate E & E wind
make good progress
Went ashore about
10 am to cook some
breakfast. Saw a couple
of natives, they followed
the Archer river was
only a couple of miles
further on. Made a start
again, struck some sandbanks
& bumped over. Tom dived
twice, had to go back &

go round them. Strike the passage due west from the river, go in & anchor for the night. Bra[illegible] - saving badly.

Saturday May 30th.

Andy intended teaching the boat to fly & repair the leak or we waited for the tide to rise Ted Lacy arrived in a dinghy he had come down from his camp on the Breckenridge. He was looking for a boat from F.P. with provision on board for him. F. had gone on to Kendall

river 45 miles further down the coast. He is excited to go down in the dinghy & try & find him. Lady changed his mind about heading the boat & went up to the Mission landing, reached there about dark. Went ashore to cook some fish. Mosquitoes very thick. Kept a hard fire. Smoke kept most of the mosquitoes away

Sunday May 31st.

Went up to the Mission station to see if I could get any information re the country inland. Mr Owen the superintendent was very obliging & gave me all the information I required. He thought the Watson a tributary of the Archer was the last river. A boat could go up about 30 miles & then was plenty of swampy country all the way up.

& also good camping places
& boarded up & very to
pilot us up as there
are several channels
running into the bay.
Make a start up the river
with the turn of the tide
Anchor about 8.30 p.m.
Birds noted

Monday June 11th.

Make a start again with the tide at 4 am. Had to pull the boat as there was no wind. Saw a crocodile floating about a hundred yds in front of the boat; after daylight had a couple of shots at it but missed. Camp for breakfast at 9 am. Found a boomerang sticking in a paper bark at edge of river.

away again after lunch. I saw a small snake swimming across the river, killed it along with a turtle from the rifle. About an hour later a big Swindle slid into the water from the bank & came to the surface again about 50 yds away. I was ready with the rifle & put a bullet into it just behind the eye, it gave a few convulsive struggles round and then kept out of the

water, the blood was pouring from the wounds, & soon out of sight. I suppose it will float in a day or two. Anchor a couple of hours later as the tide was against us.

Tuesday June 2 nd.

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Madrid

Flush Aspirator from nest containing
Eggs in Aspen bark marking
river, took them.

Sunday June 2nd

Part wet mean temp 62°
a couple of hours light
& Perceptible a Shower
& Rainbow

Aft west across up the
river & returned over
Pebble Beach, Rain started
& got to Cottage